

REMARKS

In the specification, the locations of the “GOVERNMENT RIGHTS IN THE INVENTION” section and the “RELATED APPLICATIONS” section have been swapped in order ensure that the reference to prior application is the first sentence in the application, per the Examiner’s request.

Having amended claims 13, 28 and 66, claims 13-24, 28-34, 48-55 and 66-70 remain pending in the present application. Applicant believes no issue of new matter should arise and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

*Rejection under second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112*

Claims 28-34 and 66-69 are rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Specifically, the Examiner notes that the limitation “said one or more framework software components” in claim 28 and lacks sufficient antecedent basis. Claim 28 has been amended to provide antecedent basis for the limitation and is no longer indefinite.

Claims 29-34 depend on claim 28 either directly or indirectly and are deemed to be allowable on the basis of the amendment to claim 28.

The Examiner further notes that the limitation “said one or more digitally coded framework software components” in claim 66 and lacks sufficient antecedent basis. Claim 66 has been amended to provide antecedent basis for the limitation and is no longer indefinite.

Claims 67-69 depend on claim 66 either directly or indirectly and are deemed to be allowable on the basis of the amendment to claim 66.

*Rejection under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting*

Claims 13-24, 28-34, 48-55 and 66-70 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-11, 36-47, 56-65, and 70-125 of copending allowed Application No. 09/363,966 in view of Tan et al. (US Patent Number 6,263,255).

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge the Terminal Disclaimer filed concurrently herewith.

**AUTHORIZATION**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required for this Amendment, or credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 08-0219. In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to deposit account no. 08-0219.

Respectfully submitted,  
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